

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuskima et al. (6,902,856) in view of Swain (6,366,750), Grune et al. (6,208,821) and Toriyama et al. (6,889,020). Enclosed are (1) a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 executed by the inventors; (2) English translation of document JP 2003-84480A1; and (3) Declaration of accuracy of translation. Applicants believe that this is sufficient for overcoming Matsuskima and Toriyama as references. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

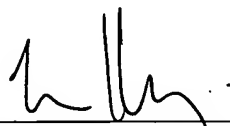
With respect to the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully decline to respond to this at the present stage because the Double patenting is only a provisional one and the outcome of the final version of the claims has not yet been determined. Applicants will respond to this issue if it is necessary in the next response.

Since all outstanding claims are in a condition for allowance, please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating. If I can be of any help, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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